

PROGRAMS & EVENTS CALENDAR

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK

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Fall 2012
Winter 2013



Reservations are required for all programs!
(Unless otherwise specified.)
Become a Member of the Cromwell Valley Park
Council and save \$\$\$ on registration!
See back page for Reservation/Membership Form.
Reminder to arrive to our programs early
since they will begin promptly
at designated time!

Saturday, September 1 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Recycled Crafts - Beads & Bracelets! – Individuals/Families
ages 12+. Do you have old newspapers, magazines or
wrapping paper that haven't made it to recycle bin yet?
Learn how to make that old paper into colorful beads!
No need to go to the store to buy beads for that bracelet
you want to make this summer. All you need is some old
paper, drinking straws and yarn and you will have a cool
new bracelet in no time! \$2 members/\$4 non-members.
Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center



Wednesdays, Starting Sept. 5 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Nature, Mom & Me! - Ages 3 - 6 with Adult. Sign up for all 6
classes - 9/5, 9/19, 10/3, 10/24, 10/31 & 11/7. You and your
preschooler will investigate a different nature topic in
each class through hands-on activities, stories, crafts &
hikes. **Be sure to dress for the weather, including
sturdy shoes.** \$15 members/\$20 non-members for all
6 sessions. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



Wednesdays, Starting Sept. 5 at 4 PM to 5:30 PM

Calling all 4th thru 6th graders!

JOIN THE AFTER SCHOOL HAWK CLUB!

We will meet on 9/5, 9/19, 10/10, 10/17, 11/7 & 11/14 from 4
PM to 5:30 PM. Give your child the opportunity to expand their
imaginations and knowledge as they explore the
wonders of nature while learning what we can do
to help protect our Earth. **Make sure your child
dresses for the weather and is wearing shoes
to hike in.** This is a drop off program - parents
need not attend. \$15 members/\$20 non-members for all 6 ses-
sions. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



Saturdays, Starting September 8

SEPTEMBER BIRD WALKS!

Spend your weekends in September at CVP! Songbird migra-
tion will be in full swing & we will be watching the
skies for migrating hawks, as well. Volunteers will be
on hand to assist in bird identification. **Saturdays
9/8, 9/15, 9/22 & 9/29 from 8 AM to 10 AM.** Also,
the *Baltimore Bird Club* will be here on **Sundays
9/16 & 9/23 starting at 8:30 AM.** So, dust off



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your binoculars & put on those hiking shoes to enjoy one of
the premiere migration sites on the East Coast. **The Hawk
Watch site will have someone on hand until late after-
noon on all the above dates for those who can't make the
morning walks.** Reservations **NOT** required. **FREE!**

Saturdays, Starting September 8
HABITAT RESTORATION TEAM WORK DAYS!

Individuals/Families ages 13+. Mark your calendars and
join this dedicated team of volunteers as they remove the
unwanted invasive plants, and replant some areas
with native plants suitable for the Park. We provide
tools, but you should wear appropriate clothing with
long sleeves for working in the woods. You will end
the morning with the satisfaction of knowing you
made a positive contribution to conserving the natu-
ral environment - and we guarantee a good workout!
**9/8 at 8 AM to 11 AM then 10/6, 11/10, 12/8, , 1/12 & 2/9,
9 AM until 12 PM.** Reservations **NOT** required. **Meet at the
Sherwood House Parking Lot**



Saturdays, starting September 8

DROP IN GARDENING

Join us in the Children's Garden for a fall spruce-up and to
put the garden to bed for the winter. We supply the gloves,
tools, a little training & a BIG smile.

**Saturdays Sept. 8, Oct. 27 &
Nov. 17 at 9 AM to 12 PM**

Adults/Individuals Ages 13+.
Reservations **NOT** required.

For more information contact Justine
410.887.3014/

Justine@cromwellvalleypark.org



Saturday, September 8 at 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Harvest Dance – All ages. - We will gather
in the barn and learn to do-si-do and prome-
nade your partners! Enjoy some hot cider to
quench your thirst. \$2 members/\$4 non-
members. *Willow Grove Barn*



Wednesdays, Starting Sept. 12 at 4 PM to 5:30 PM

Calling all 1st thru 3rd graders

JOIN THE AFTER SCHOOL F.O.X. CLUB!

We will meet on 9/12, 9/26, 10/3, 10/24 & 11/14 from 4 PM to
5:30 PM. "We'll focus on eXploring" a different nature or farm
theme each class with hands-on learning, out-
door games & a hike. **Children should dress
for the weather, including sturdy shoes & rain
gear.** Reservations required. \$15 members/\$20
non-members for all 5 sessions. *Willow Grove
Nature Ed. Center*



Thursday, September 13 at 9:30 AM to 3 PM
SCHOOL FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEER TRAINING



Do you like nature? Do you enjoy working with children? School field trips are conducted daily in the Fall and Spring. We need your help to make these trips possible. No experience necessary. For more information, contact Maureen Larkin at 410.887.3014/Maureen@cromwellvalleypark.org
Willow Grove Nature Education Center

Saturday, September 15 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM
Marvelous Migrating Monarchs – Individuals/Families ages 6+. Be a part of our citizen science effort by helping us tag and release the migrating monarchs. Learn about their life of disguise, poison. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.
Willow Grove Nature Education Center



Saturday, September 22 at 10 AM to 4 PM
DAM JAM ~ A Baltimore City DPW Event!

All Ages! Learn to appreciate all the work that goes into providing you the best drinking water possible & the responsibility we share in protecting & preserving our water supply.
Music, Food, Fun, Art, Historic Re-enactors & Native Wildlife Presentations. Take a shuttle ride to the Dam!
 Reservations **NOT** required. **FREE!** **Willow Grove Farm**



Friday, September 28 at 7 PM to 8:30 PM
Fall Night Hike & Campfire - Individuals/Families ages 6+.



Enjoy an autumn evening under the stars at CVP. Join us for a night hike to explore the Park after sunset and have s'mores over a campfire. Feel free to bring your favorite campfire treat! **RAIN DATE 9/29.** \$3 member/\$5 non-members. **Willow Grove Hawk Watch Site**

Saturday, September 29 at 8:30 AM to 11:30 PM
Youth Birding Workshop - Ages 8 to 15 (with adult if under 11). Enjoy a morning of spotting birds in a variety of habitats in the Park, followed by indoor & outdoor activities focusing on bird study skills, including high tech birding helps. Brought to us by **Marty Brazeau**, the youth birding coordinator for the **Baltimore Bird Club**. Bring your own binoculars or borrow ours. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Education Center**



Thursday, October 4 at 7 PM to 9 PM (Part 1)
Saturday, October 6 at 1 PM to 3 PM (Part 2)
Nature Photography 101 ~ A 2 Part Series for Beginners!



Individuals/Families ages 16+. Professional photographer Mark Miller will be conducting this 2 part series on the fundamentals of wildlife photography. For more information, see our CVP Council Newsletter, or visit our website www.cromwellvalleypark.org. \$15 members/\$20 non-members for both classes.
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Saturday, October 13 & Sunday, October 14
12 PM to 5 PM each day!



FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL
 Come join us for family fun
 "Down on the Farm!"
Pony Rides, Music, Apple Press, Family Games & Crafts, Puppet Show, Food, 4-H Animals!
 Reservations **NOT** required.
 Suggested donation is \$5 per car.
Willow Grove Farm

Friday, Oct. 19 at 5 PM to Saturday, Oct. 20 at 10 AM
Fall Family Campout – All ages. A camping experience close to home that includes a night hike & campfire. Families should bring camping gear BUT, if you need a tent, we may have one for your use (call to reserve). BYO supper. Breakfast will be provided. **RAIN DATE Sat. 10/20 to Sun. 10/21.** \$15 per family members/\$20 non-members. **Willow Grove Family Camp Site**



Saturday, October 20 at 11 AM to 1 PM
Make a Scarecrow - All ages. We'll supply the straw, you bring a set of old clothes (kid's overalls, or bunny suit work great!), pantyhose and maybe a hat to stuff to make a decorative scarecrow. \$2 members/\$4 non-members per project. **Willow Grove Barn**



Saturday, October 27 at 10:30 AM to 12 PM
Why Do Leaves Change Color? - Ages 6 - 10 with Adult. We will read the story **Why Do Leaves Change Color**, by Betsy Maestro, illustrated by Loretta Krupinski, then go on a hike to collect different leaves found in the Park. How many colors will you find? How many shapes and sizes? After the hike, kids will get to make their own trees to take home. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Sunday, October 28 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM
Magical Herbalism - Individuals/Families ages 10+. Were the witches of our past really just Master Naturalists? Find out as we discover "magical" plants all around us. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.
Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center



Saturday, November 3 at 10 AM to 12 PM
Trail Day - Groups/Individuals ages 13+. You are invited to work with the Trail Club to maintain & improve trails in the Park. Help clear trails & prevent erosion to keep our trails in tip top condition. Reservations **NOT** required. **Sherwood House Parking Lot**



Sunday, November 4 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM
A-maize-ing Grain - Ages 5-7 with Adult. Corn is an a-maize-ing grain. It sweetens our foods; powers our cars; feeds our cattle, hogs, & poultry; and cooks our foods --- just to name a few of its many uses. Join us as we shuck corn & grind kernels to make cornmeal, taste cornbread & make a craft from corn. \$3 members/\$5 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, November 10 at 1 PM to 3 PM
Foraging in the Fall Forest & Fields - Individuals/Families



ages 10+. The season has changed and so have the wild foods. Join us as we search for roots, nuts and other edibles and sample some favorite recipes. \$3 members/\$5 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**

Saturday, November 17 at 10 :30 AM to 12 PM
Holiday Candy Making - Ages 18+.

Learn how to make homemade chocolate dipped nuts, dried fruits, & other confections to give as holiday gifts. \$3 members/\$5 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Starting Friday, November 23



TALMAR's Tree Sales Begin! – Bring the family to visit the greenhouse & enjoy hot chocolate, coffee or tea while selecting your **Premium Fraser Fir Tree, Wreath, Poinsettia, Roping and Seasonal Arrangements.** For more details, call 410.825.2020, or visit TALMAR's website www.talmar.org. TALMAR Greenhouse is

located off the Sherwood Entrance to Cromwell Valley Park.

Saturday, November 24 at 10 AM to 4PM

Thanksgiving Nature Quest - All ages. Drop in the Nature Center with the family and weekend visitors for a 1 hour self-guided hike to see the fabulous fall features here at Cromwell Valley Park! Reservations **NOT** required. **FREE! START AT THE Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, December 1 at 10 AM to 1 PM

Holiday Open House – All ages. Find all of your holiday excitement on one farm. Come help decorate the Sherwood House for the holidays & stop by **TALMAR** for your tree & poinsettia! Seasonal crafts, cookie decorating, hot cider, music, and visit with **SANTA!** \$2 per person. **Sherwood House**



Saturday, December 8 at 4 PM to 5:30 PM

Owl Prowl - Individuals/Families ages 8+. We'll hike some trails to look and listen for these nighttime predators, following a brief introduction indoors. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, December 15 at 11 AM to 12:30 PM

The Art of Paper Cutting ~ Wreaths & Gift Boxes - Individuals/Families ages 12+. Go back to Colonial America and learn about this popular art form. Learn how paper cutting was a fun way to decorate the home with intricate designs depicting rural life. Paper cutting was often a fun social activity discussed over tea. So, come to CVP & have hot tea & cider and try your hand at some paper cutting decorations great for the winter season! **Bring old greeting cards to make your gift boxes.** \$3 members/\$5 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, December 22 at 1 to 3 PM
Apple Head Dolls & More! - Individuals/Families

ages 3+. Learn the homespun art of making dolls from natural materials. Corn-husk dolls, wooden dolls, gourd & shell dolls will be discussed. Everyone will make an apple head doll to take home! \$2 members/\$4 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, December 29 at 1 to 3 PM
Natural Ornaments - Individuals/Families ages 3+.

Drop in the Nature Center & let your imagination go wild and create fanciful holiday ornaments with our natural materials. Bring a box or bag to carry home your ornaments. \$2 members/\$4 non-members for 2 ornaments. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, January 19 at 1 PM to 3 PM
Make Your Own Gingerbread House - Individuals/ Families

ages 5+. Back by popular demand! Gingerbread houses are just as much fun to make in January! We'll use graham crackers. Bring a bag of small candies to share and a shoe box to take your creation home. \$3 members/\$5 non-members per project. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, January 26 at 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Catch Those Dreams! - Individuals/Families ages 10+.

Native Americans believed that dream catchers enhanced their sleeping by allowing good dreams through while keeping out the bad dreams. Dream catchers made from natural materials remind us that we are all connected in the web of life. Make your own personal dream catcher. Natural materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any small natural objects that have special meaning for you. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, February 2 at 11:30 AM to 1 PM

Who's Been Here? - Ages 4 to 7 with Adult. We'll learn about the clues that animals leave behind & hike to see who's been out & about in the middle of winter. A story, tracking game and craft, and hike for youngsters. **Dress for the weather!** \$2/members/\$4 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Sunday, February 3 at 2 PM to 4 PM

Build A Model Tree House - Ages 8+ with Adult. Let your imagination soar while you build a tree house using natural materials. For inspiration, we'll first watch a clip of the best tree house ever, from the movie Swiss Family Robinson. We'll provide the base and "tree" - you create the rooms, platforms, bridges, ladders & amenities. The sky's the limit! \$3/members/\$5 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, February 16 at 11 AM to 2 PM

Great Backyard Bird Count - Individuals/Families ages 5+ . Become a citizen scientist for an afternoon as we identify and count the birds at our feeders and collect data for a nation-wide survey. Make a valentine craft for the birds! \$2/members/\$4 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**





Cromwell Valley Park PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM



BEFORE MAILING THIS FORM, CALL or EMAIL to reserve space. ONCE YOUR RESERVATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, please fill out this form and mail it with your payment. (See below for details.)

Cromwell Valley Park Council Member? (Please check one) _____ Yes _____ No

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Program Name	Program Date	Number of Attendees	Price per Attendee	Total for Program

Total Program Payment: _____

****IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER of the Cromwell Valley Park Council and receive money saving benefits on program registration, please SEND IN THE MEMBERSHIP FORM BELOW with your payment.****

CVPC MEMBERSHIP FORM (Please select your membership category)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Organization | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/ Family | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen, Individual 65+ | \$8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen, Couple 65+ | \$12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time Student | \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$500 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member | \$1000 |

Membership _____

Additional Tax-deductible contribution _____

TOTAL Membership Payment: _____

***Your dues apply to the
2012-2013 membership year,
April 1 thru March 31.***

If you would like to , make reservations, or need special accommodations, please contact the Park office:

Phone: 410.887.2503, **TDD:** 410.877.5319. **Email:** info@cromwellvalleypark.org. **Fax:** 410.823.5857.

Reservations are required for all programs, unless otherwise specified. Payment must be made within 5 business days of your reservation, or the reservation will be yielded to the waiting list. All payments are donations and non-refundable unless CVP cancels the program.

All events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified. Program leaders will call registered participants **only** in the event of cancellation at least 1 hour before program start.

**Make checks payable to: Cromwell Valley Park Council (CVPC). The Park's Mailing Address is:
Cromwell Valley Park, 2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21234.**

These programs are designed for individuals and families, **not groups**. They are not designed to provide childcare. Therefore, parents are encouraged to discuss attendance expectations with their children. Park staff cannot detain youth wishing to leave at any time.

Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Should you require special accommodations (i.e., language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible by calling the Park Office, or the Therapeutic Recreation Office at 410.887.5370.